

**Question on notice no. 88**

**Portfolio question number: BE22-088**

**2022-23 Budget estimates**

**Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio**

**Senator Nick McKim:** asked the Department of Home Affairs on 19 April 2022—

Please provide the Committee with an update of the information provided in the following response to a previous Question on Notice:

SE21-213 - Offshore Processing in Nauru - Cost per year

**Answer —**

Please see the attached answer.

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
BUDGET ESTIMATES  
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**Home Affairs Portfolio  
Department of Home Affairs**

**Program 2.4: IMA Offshore Management**

**BE22-088 - Offshore Processing in Nauru - Cost per year**

Senator Nick McKim asked:

Please provide the Committee with an update of the information provided in the following responses to previous Question on Notice:

SE21-213 - Offshore Processing in Nauru - Cost per year

What is the total cost per year, for each fiscal year beginning with 2012, that Australia has incurred under the MOUs with Nauru for offshore processing and resettlement?

*Answer:*

Since 2012, Australia has incurred the following costs under the Memorandum of Understanding between the Republic of Nauru and the Commonwealth of Australia, relating to the transfer to and assessment of persons in Nauru, and related issues (MOU), and the earlier 2012 MOU. Expenditure is inclusive of departmental operating, administered operating, and capital costs.

2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Total
\$ (m)	\$ (m)	\$ (m)	\$ (m)	\$ (m)	\$ (m)	\$ (m)	\$ (m)	\$ (m)	\$ (m)	
282.9	684.4	541.1	614.6	538.3	521.8	511.6	547.0	530.5	288.7*	5,060.8

\* Year to date costs to 31 January 2022.

Note: Totals may vary due to rounding of figures.